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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : SA/IA

SUBJECT : Law of the Sea

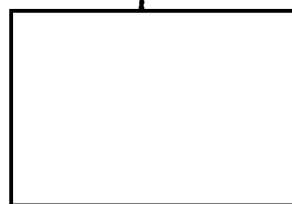
1. We have received notice that the NSC will meet on Thursday to discuss Law of the Sea along with Libya. I want to dwell on the Law of the Sea issue for the moment.

2. [] is currently putting together a briefing package for you for Thursday's meeting. The one new element from the package he put together for you in December is the attached new memorandum outlining six possible strategies for the U.S. The first three strategies basically deal with ways to implement Option 1 of the basic memo to the President--to withdraw from the Law of the Sea Conference prior to the next session because an acceptable deep-sea bed regime is unattainable and further negotiations on the existing text would reflect tacit acquiescence to the unrealistic goals of the LDCs. Strategies 4 through 6 outline three different options should the President choose Option 2, which is to continue the negotiations with the goal of improving the deep-sea beds provisions, while simultaneously safeguarding the non-sea bed provisions, particularly those that protect U.S. military and commercial navigational freedoms. 25X1

3. I want to pass this on to you early in the week so that you can begin focusing on the issue. I should have your full briefing book ready for you by Wednesday at the latest.

4. I had toyed with the idea of putting this on tomorrow's breakfast agenda with Secretary Haig, but his staff was not interested. Whether he is, is another matter. In any case, they mentioned that he favors going ahead with negotiations. I noted that the conclusion of the new paper states that strategies 4 and 6, which are variants of Option 2, offer the best opportunities to satisfy U.S. interests.

cc: Executive Director
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